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Remarks

Claims 1-22 were pending. Claim 8 has been amended and claims 18-22 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are presently being examined.

In an October 9, 2007 telephone conference with Examiner Lin, the Examiner stated that claims 1-17 would be allowed if: (1) claims 18-22 were to be canceled; and (2) a terminal disclaimer with respect to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/574,414 were to be filed. Applicants agreed to the above in an October 19, 2007 telephone conference with Examiner Lin, who requested that this Amendment be filed.

Applicants hereinabove have canceled claims 18-22 without prejudice to filing divisional applications directed to these canceled claims. Applicants also attach a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/574,414. Please charge the \$130 fee for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 U.S.C. §1.20(d) to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. In addition, applicants have amended claim 8 to correct a typographical error by replacing "is" with "as". Support for this amendment can be found, inter alia, from page 3, line 31 to page 4, line 1 of the present specification.

In view of the cancellation of claims 18-22, the attached Terminal Disclaimer, the amendment of claim 8, and the remarks above, applicants respectfully submit that this application now is in condidtion for allowance, and earnestly solicit a Notice Of Allowance.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing

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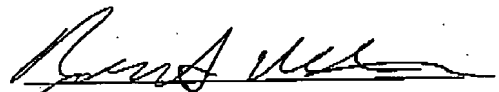
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prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

No fee, other than the Terminal Disclaimer fee, is deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment. However, if any such fee or an additional amount for the Terminal Disclaimer fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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